

109TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 5908

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 26, 2006

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan (for himself and Mr. EHLERS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. GOVERNMENT'S SHARE OF COSTS FOR PUBLIC**
2 **TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS.**

3 Section 5323(i) of title 49, United States Code, is
4 amended by adding at the end the following:

5 “(3) COSTS INCURRED BY PRIVATE VANPOOL
6 CONTRACTORS.—

7 “(A) LOCAL MATCHING SHARE.—The local
8 matching share provided by a recipient of as-
9 sistance for a capital project under this chapter
10 may include amounts expended by a private
11 vanpool contractor of the recipient, without
12 Federal, State, or local governmental assist-
13 ance, for the acquisition of rolling stock to be
14 used by the contractor to provide turnkey public
15 transportation on the recipient’s behalf.

16 “(B) USE OF REVENUES.—A private van-
17 pool contractor may use revenues that the con-
18 tractor receives in providing public transpor-
19 tation that are in excess of the operating costs
20 of the contractor for purposes of acquiring roll-
21 ing stock.

22 “(C) DEFINITIONS.—In this paragraph,
23 the following definitions apply:

24 “(i) PRIVATE VANPOOL CON-
25 TRACTOR.—The term ‘private vanpool con-
26 tractor’ means a private entity providing

1 public transportation pursuant to a con-
2 tract with a recipient of assistance under
3 this chapter using a commuter highway ve-
4 hicle or vanpool.

5 “(ii) COMMUTER HIGHWAY VEHICLE;
6 VANPOOL.—The term ‘commuter highway
7 vehicle’ or ‘vanpool’ means any vehicle—

8 “(I) the seating capacity of which
9 is at least 6 adults (not including the
10 driver); and

11 “(II) at least 80 percent of the
12 mileage use of which can be reason-
13 ably expected to be for the purposes
14 of transporting commuters in connec-
15 tion with travel between their resi-
16 dences and their place of employ-
17 ment.”.

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